

## Mark Your Calendar!

### April

- April 1-2**—Missions Get-Together and Connection, *Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg, TN*
- April 3**—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- April 9**—Cooperative Program Sunday
- April 9**—McMinn-Meigs Association Bible Drill, *East Athens Baptist Church, 2:00 pm*
- April 14**—Good Friday, *Baptist Office closed*
- April 16**—Easter
- April 18**—Executive Board Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- April 24**—McMinn-Meigs Association VBS Clinic, *First Baptist Athens, 6:00 pm*
- April 29**—Regional Youth Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament, Children's Bible Drill, *Central Bearden Baptist Church, Knoxville*

### May

- Associational Missions Emphasis Month*  
*Mother's Day Offering*
- May 1**—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- May 4**—National Day of Prayer
- May 6**—Camp Cherokee Clean-up Day
- May 14**—Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes
- May 21-28**—Associational Emphasis Week
- May 29**—Memorial Day, *Baptist Office closed*

## Children's/Youth Bible Drill

The **Associational Bible Drill** will be on Sunday, April 9th at **East Athens Baptist Church** at 2:00 pm.

The 2017 Southeast State Regional Drill will be held on Saturday, April 29th at **Central Bearden Baptist Church, Knoxville**.



## Attention VBS lovers: Save the Date! April 24, 2017 ♦ FBC Athens

Associational VBS training like you have never experienced!  
Dinner @ 5:30 pm ♦ Conference begins @ 6:00 pm

You will go through a sample day of VBS with your leaders - there will be opening rally, games, snacks, music, missions, crafts, door prizes, and MORE!!

Come be inspired, energized and challenged with us to be...

*Please register for your age group conference and make your dinner reservations by calling Kathy @ 745-2248 by April 17th.*



## 2016-2017 Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

This allocation budget represents anticipated gifts forwarded to the SBC.

# \$189,000,000

<b>73.20%</b>	<b>World Missions Ministries</b> International Mission Board (50.41%) North American Mission Board (22.79%)
<b>22.16%</b>	<b>Theological Education Ministries</b> Seminaries (21.92%) Library and Archives (.24%)
<b>2.99%</b>	<b>SBC Operating Budget</b>
<b>1.65%</b>	<b>Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries</b> Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission



## Cooperative Program—The Heart of Southern Baptist Missions and Ministries

**Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:**  
*East Athens, First Baptist Etowah, Goodsprings, Lakeside, Marshall Hill, New Bethel, Rocky Mount and Rockview.*

## From Brother Mike...

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

EASTER IS ALMOST HERE. I pray those words make you smile a bit, at least inside. These words probably do not bring about the anticipation as much as saying, "Christmas is coming," but for Christians, it should.

The celebration of the Resurrection is one of the greatest events on earth outside of salvation. The resurrection of Jesus makes all the difference. While it is wonderful to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, there would be no real meaning to that event without the truth that Jesus arose from the dead and is still alive. You can visit many great religious leaders burial places, but not for Christianity. We celebrate because there is no burial place to visit. Jesus lives! His tomb is empty!

Coming out April 7<sup>th</sup> is a new Christian movie you should see: "The Case for Christ." It is the story of Lee Strobel, who wrote the book by the same title several years ago. An atheist journalist with the Chicago Tribune, he set out to prove there was nothing to Christianity after his wife started attending church and was saved. As a journalist, he set out to disprove the resurrection of Christ, believing that would be the key event to crumble his wife's new faith. After almost 2 years of research, he came to faith in Christ because the evidence was overwhelming that the death and resurrection of Christ was real.

**BLOCK PARTY TRAILER:** We await the call from NAMB to tell us when the trailer will be ready for pickup. It should be any day now. We hope to begin working to have it ready for the summer activities. We should have more details at the April Executive Board Meeting and in next month's newsletter.

**SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS CONFERENCE:** I am sorry for the last minute change on this conference, but with all the other things going on, we did not feel that there was enough people signed up for the Friday night session to continue on with it. Due to all of the things going on in our churches in the next few weeks, we have rescheduled this with Don Pierson for Monday, August 14. We will have a dinner for pastors and church leaders and then a general session at 7:00 p.m. at East Athens Baptist Church.

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING:** If you have not made your gift to this Mission Offering, I pray you will do so soon. With the news headlines each day we should be reminded of the spiritual needs within our nation. Give that we might reach out to those throughout North America with the saving message of Jesus Christ. Never forget the words of Matthew 19:26. There is no one that God cannot forgive and save if only they will turn to Him.

Bro. Mike



## Church News

- **East Niota Baptist Church** will hold Revival services on April 9—12 with the Rev. Wayne Bryant as the evangelist. Services begin at 7:00 pm nightly. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Bethel Springs Baptist Church** will hold Revival services on April 24—26 with the Rev. Johnny Carr as the evangelist. Services begin at 7:00 pm with special singing nightly. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Brookhill Baptist Church** welcomes their new pastor, Rev. Steven Stone who began his ministry there December 4, 2016.
- **First Baptist Riceville** welcomes their new pastor, Rev. William Beasley who will begin his ministry there on April 2, 2017.
- **Wildwood Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time Choir Director. Please send resume to: Wildwood Baptist Church ♦ 1045 Highway 39 East ♦ Englewood, TN 37329
- **First Baptist Riceville** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please send resume to: Sam Gentry ♦ PO Box 3344 ♦ Riceville, TN 37370
- **Short Creek Baptist Church** is seeking a Youth Pastor. Send resumes to Rev. Victor King, 1190 County Road 750, Athens, TN 37303 or call him at 920-7365.



### Changes in the collection of old Sunday School Literature.

**We accept:** Bibles (new or used); Tracts; Reference Books & Commentaries: All Christian Books—adult or children: NON Fiction; Magazines from a Christian publisher; Sunday School Supplies; Daily Devotionals; CD's, DVD's BluRay's (music, movies, teaching from well known speakers; Puppets, Bible Games, biblical puzzles.

**We do not accept:** Guideposts; handiwork or busy papers from Sunday School materials; Secular books; Missions Magazines or VHS Tapes.

*Please do not bring your literature in large over-filled boxes. Make sure that you are able to unload what you bring! Please don't leave literature outside the door when we are not here—we don't always see it!*

### Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event Training

**Where:** Decatur Municipal Building  
116 North Main Street, Decatur  
**When:** April 1, 2017 ♦ 9:00 am-11:00 am  
**How:** RSVP: Det. Jason Roberts at  
jasonroberts@decaturtn.net

\*\*\*Participant discretion is advised. This presentation includes some videos and audio recordings from actual events that even while edited, may be difficult for some people to watch or hear.\*\*\*



*It's time to schedule your youth or church retreat at Camp Cherokee. Call 745-2248 to reserve your dates today!*

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	136.52	967.34	Etowah, First	0.00	0.00	Pond Hill	0.00	300.00
Athens, First	3,000.00	9,500.06	Good Hope	150.00	900.00	Pope Avenue	107.65	595.50
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	82.01	491.84	Riceville, First	185.80	893.52
Bethsadia	0.00	100.00	Hiwassee	0.00	70.40	Rockview	0.00	5.00
Brookhill	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	100.00	700.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	450.00
Calhoun, First	200.00	1,200.00	Lakeside	108.56	761.16	Rogers Creek	89.85	609.54
Calvary, Etowah	100.00	300.00	Lakeview	261.15	1,025.15	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary Missionary	100.00	600.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Shiloh	0.00	1,000.00
Central	596.90	2,991.57	Marshall Hill	100.00	600.00	Short Creek	385.78	2,063.70
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	188.76	1,066.51	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	1,225.06	5,624.74	Mount Harmony, Niota	521.00	2,301.17	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clearwater	333.34	2,000.04	Mount Harmony, Riceville	50.99	221.34	Ten Mile	94.60	333.81
Coghill	175.00	1,050.00	Mount Pisgah	382.31	1,999.93	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Cottonport	0.00	484.12	Mount Verd	0.00	200.00	Union Hill	107.45	625.51
Decatur, First	841.77	4,428.01	New Beginnings	50.00	100.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	660.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Valley View	320.00	685.00
Double Springs	200.00	1,200.00	New Zion	0.00	118.59	Walnut Grove	250.11	1,222.72
Eastanallee	100.00	500.00	Niota, First	123.00	741.12	West End	0.00	0.00
East Athens	1,404.59	4,478.22	North Athens	50.00	125.00	West View	125.23	581.85
East Niota	166.00	1,004.00	Oak Grove	402.00	2,163.00	Wildwood	0.00	2,183.00
East View	0.00	10.00	Old Salem	324.18	1,605.81	Zion Hill	0.00	1,000.00
Englewood, First	741.67	4,362.51	Pisgah	0.00	2,276.45	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>14,141.28</b>	<b>73,727.23</b>

*Contributions received after March 24th will be reflected in next month's report.*

***Wait No More: Finding Families for Tennessee's Waiting Kids***

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Brainerd Baptist Church – Brainerd Crossroads  
4011 Austin Street, Chattanooga, TN 37414**

If you have ever considered foster care, adoption from foster care or want to learn ways to support an adoptive family, plan to attend our **FREE** Wait No More event on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga. You'll hear more about the kids who are waiting, the steps in the adoption process and have the opportunity to connect with local adoption agencies.

**For more information or to register go to: [icareaboutorphans.org/tennessee](http://icareaboutorphans.org/tennessee)**

**Pastors & Preachers Fellowship**

**April 3 ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Baptist Center  
Rev. Danny Singleton, Pastor of Clearwater will be the speaker this month.  
*Hope to see you here!***

**McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference**

***Meets every Monday morning at 10:00 am at the Baptist Center.***

**New in the Library**

**Book's**

- Treasured Grace *by* Tracie Peterson
- Because You're Mine *by* Colleen Coble
- Knowing the Will of God *by* Bruce Waltke
- If I'm Found *by* Terri Blackstock
- Grace and the Preacher *by* Kim Vogel Sawyer
- The Prince Warriors and the Swords of Rhema *by* Priscilla Shirer

**DVD's**

- Angels in Our Midst
- Jackson's Run
- Redemption of the Heart
- The Insanity of God
- Priceless

**2016 Annual Minutes**

The following churches have not picked up their Annual Minutes:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Bethel Springs</b> | <b>Eastanallee</b>    | <b>Valley View</b> |
| <b>Calhoun First</b>  | <b>Hiwassee</b>       | <b>West End</b>    |
| <b>Clay Hill</b>      | <b>Lakeview</b>       | <b>West View</b>   |
| <b>Clear Springs</b>  | <b>Manilla Chapel</b> |                    |
| <b>Dixon Avenue</b>   | <b>Mount Pisgah</b>   |                    |
| <b>East Niota</b>     | <b>Valley Road</b>    |                    |

**April Celebrations**

**Birthday's**

- 02....*Lindsey Cheatham* ..... First Baptist Calhoun
- 03....*Hoyt Melton* ..... Valley View
- 15....*Bo Coleman*..... Hiwassee
- 18....*Karen Crisp* ..... Eastanallee
- Shirley Melton*..... Valley View
- 19....*Joe Hatcher*..... Coghill
- 29....*Robin Liner* ..... Lakeview

**Anniversaries**

- 03....*John & Christy Crisp*..... West End
- 04....*Randy & Debbie Maddox* ... Pond Hill
- 25....*Titus & Ginger Snyder*..... Oak Grove

**Church/Association Anniversaries**

- Greg Watson* ..... Manilla Chapel ..... 1 year
- Fred Cunningham* ..... Ten Mile ..... 4 years
- Keith Whited* ..... West View ..... 9 years
- Randy Maddox* ..... Pond Hill ..... 14 years



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# April

## Camp Cherokee

- Don't forget to schedule your youth or church retreat at Camp. Dates are filling up fast!. Call 745-2248 to reserve your dates today!
- **Camp Clean-up Day** will be on **Saturday, May 6th**. Looking for a project for your youth group? At the beginning of each year, the camp must be "made ready" for the camping season. All cabins, bathrooms, and the kitchen/dining hall must be cleaned, the grounds cleared of debris, leaves, fallen trees etc. For more information about what to bring or what you can do, please contact Mike Bernard at 507-7135.
- **Camp Cherokee needs a bus! If your church has one that could be used Monday—Friday during our Day Camps please contact Mike Bernard at 507-7135 as soon as possible.**
- Dates for Camp Cherokee have been set! They are:  
**Youth Camp—July 10-14** (grades 7-11)  
**Children's Day Camp— July 17-21** (grades 1-6)  
**July 24-28** (grades 1-6)

Registration forms can be found online at:

[www.mcminnmeigsbaptists.org](http://www.mcminnmeigsbaptists.org) on the Camp Cherokee page!

Want to work at camp this summer? You can find the application on the Camp Cherokee page!



# REACHING YOUR ZIP

**April 3, 2017**

**6:30-8:45pm**

**Morris Hill Baptist Church**  
1804 Morris Hill Road  
Chattanooga, TN

Reaching Your Zip is designed to equip your church staff and volunteers with strategies for reaching the unchurched families in your community. Attendees will receive helps to confidently share the Gospel with KIDS and family members.

*REGISTER TODAY! This training will benefit all children's leaders regardless of the curriculum used.*

### Training topics include:

- **Sharing the Gospel with Kids and Unchurched Family Members**
- **Starting a Backyard Kids Club**
- **Continuing the Connection:** Follow-up strategies for unchurched families discovered through evangelistic outreach opportunities

**Contact Vicki Hulsey ([vhulsey@tnbaptist.org](mailto:vhulsey@tnbaptist.org)) for more information.**